



Great Basin Priority Summary - Based on Most Recent 209's  
8/20/21

[illegible]

## Evening Brief

Date: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

---

### Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 2	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 5	New Fires and Acres: 3 fires for 0.65 acres / 300 acres Large Fire Growth

---

### Weather:

**... Another Cold Front Will Bring Wet and Cooler Weather to Idaho, Wyoming and Northern Utah Saturday ...**

**... Breezy Prefrontal Winds and Low RH return to Central and Northern Nevada Saturday ...**

Another cold front will quickly push into the northern third of the Great Basin Saturday, with a reinforcing shot of cooler weather, higher humidity and scattered showers and thunderstorms with some wetting rains for parts of Idaho into Wyoming and northern Utah. Many areas of Central Idaho that did not receive much precipitation with the cold front the last couple of days will receive some wetting rains Saturday. Thunderstorms may be a mix of wet/dry further south into Southern Idaho.

Winds will also increase significantly across Nevada and Utah on Saturday. The lowest relative humidity with the most critical fuels will remain over the western half of Nevada, where **High Risk was added on Saturday for gusty winds and low RH**. Winds diminish by Sunday with drier and warmer weather through the middle of next week.

Drier weather, light to moderate winds and a return to seasonal temperatures expected Sunday into next week.

---

### Fuels/Fire Potential:

**... Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in Effect for the Sierra Front above 5500 Feet ...**

Fire Danger will remain higher for western areas of the Great Basin due to continued dry conditions. Fuels are driest across Western Nevada and far western Idaho, near or above the 80th percentile. Further north across Western and Central Idaho ERCs are mainly in the 70th - 90th percentiles but will be dropping Saturday as wet/cool weather returns.

Rapid moistening of fuels occurred across the Eastern half of the Great Basin this past week. The only critically dry fuel areas by the end of the weekend will be across the Western half of Nevada. Even with warmer and drier weather returning to all areas Sunday into next week, it will take quite some time for the fuels to dry out over the eastern half of the region. Fuels will dry out over the next week across Idaho and Nevada.

---

## Resources:

### Aviation within the Great Basin

- 0 VLAT, 0 LATs, 0 CL-415
- 18 SEATs, 0 FB, 6 AA, 1 ASM, 2 LP
- 7 Type 1 Helicopters / 5 Comm.
- 6 Type 2 Helicopters / 3 Comm.
- 17 Type 3 Helicopters / 10 Comm.

### Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 6 IHCs / 0 Available IA / 1 R&R
- 8 Type 2IA / 0 Available / 0 R&R

## Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
*GOLD	2021-IDBOF-000943	0.25	Contained 08/20/21	44.70395	-115.8169	NO
*Peruvian	2021-UTUWF-000783	0.1	Contained 08/20/21	40.58111	-111.643	NO
Mill Creek	2021-NVELD-040204	0.3	Controlled 08/20/21	38.689783	-114.629917	PHMA

\* Fires occurred previous night, not today

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)